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ANNUAL FUR CATCH OF THE UNITED STATES

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At least 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ million fur animals are trapped annually in 44 States and Alaska. This figure is probably far below the actual number taken because many States do not keep an accurate account of the number of fur animals trapped within their boundaries. In the reported fur catch listed herein, Louisiana was first with 4,470,498 animals, about 4,076,785 of which were muskrats. Minnesota was second with a take of 1,667,794 fur animals, followed by Wisconsin with 1,559,207; North Dakota, 1,403,233; Michigan, 895,540; Maryland 800,000; and Pennsylvania, 779,681.

Prior to World War II, the United States imported almost half of the furs sold on American markets. Because of the war, the shipping of furs to the United States has been greatly reduced, although the numbers of pelts of karakul lamb, rabbit, and a few other species have increased.

The raw fur catch for the season 1943-44 was estimated to be worth about \$100,000,000. The Bureau of Internal Revenue collected \$54,925,218.49 in taxes on sales of fur and fur-trimmed apparel sold at retail during the calendar year 1943. This sum, representing a 10-percent tax, indicates that the retail sales of fur apparel during the year 1943 amounted to about \$549,252,185. The report of collections showed that New York led the country in fur-apparel sales, followed in order by Illinois, California, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, Minnesota, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Indiana. In all other States, proceeds from the sales during the year were considerably larger than those for 1942, and in some States in which large industries are located, the amount received from the sales was nearly twice that for the previous year.

Regulations governing the trapping of fur animals are made by the individual States, not by the Federal Government. The animals should be taken when the fur is prime, and the pelts should be handled with care so that the trapper will receive the highest market price for them.

Information on the numbers of some species of fur animals taken annually in the United States and the places where trapped is meager. Lack of complete data in this conservation field prevents a close estimate of the annual take of furs. Growing popular interest in the conservation of wildlife may well result in the restoration of fur animals to a point approaching their former productivity. It is important that the public know how much of the natural wealth in furs is harvested each year, for it is only through the assembling of such data that the annual take of fur animals can be so regulated as to insure the preservation of an adequate breeding stock.

ALABAMA

Alabama does not require reports from trappers on the number and kinds of fur animals taken or from fur dealers on the number and kinds of furs handled, and therefore, could not furnish information on the fur catch.

ALASKA

(Not including the Pribilof Islands)

Species	1936 ^{1/}	1937 ^{1/}	1938 ^{1/}	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}
Bear:								
Black	178	108	112	158	158	70	81	133
Polar	58	31	81	37	62	33	42	100
Beaver	25,046	1,882	30,889	31,397	14,630	20,606	12,071	15,146
Coyote	1,098	1,330	1,355	1,507	2,080	1,208	460	376
Fox:								
Red	19,937	21,549	15,076	21,366	9,031	12,574	12,537	4,916
Cross	2,839	2,118	2,186	2,278	1,501	1,484	1,468	1,240
Silver	1,573	1,031	1,103	614	632	466	428	262
White	5,102	4,399	3,519	4,187	4,622	6,515	2,154	4,800
Blue	9,025	10,434	11,403	9,426	7,598	6,483	4,693	1,783
Hare	177	110	335	89	270	60	110	195
Lynx	2,421	2,089	2,130	2,705	1,698	781	639	713
Marmot	69	201	81	121	1,196	154	40	201
Marten	1,306	16,969	9,237	1,287	9,626	707	240	8,182
Mink	44,016	52,436	39,866	42,883	43,702	31,732	53,060	33,705
Muskrat	153,772	231,842	291,140	417,442	453,300	511,805	267,356	212,352
Otter	3,235	3,007	2,892	2,759	2,804	2,188	2,821	1,547
Squirrel	263	613	204	979	720	1,760	980	1,122
Weasel	11,012	8,453	9,755	13,828	9,895	8,580	11,280	3,892
Wolf	904	730	640	405	444	599	464	351
Wolverine	290	369	248	228	326	232	161	92
Total	282,372	360,201	422,252	553,696	564,295	608,087	371,085	291,108

^{1/} Calendar year.

Pribilof Islands

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Fox:						
White	13	16	11	12	11	5
Blue	999	847	1,018	1,246	640	829
Seal	55,180	58,364	60,473	65,263	95,013	150
Total	56,192	59,227	61,502	66,521	95,664	984

ARIZONA

Species	1937 ^{1/}	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}
Badger	194	21	35	9
Bobcat	83	114	149	32
Coyote	1,246	314	500	145
Fox:				
Gray	748	...	...	210
Kit or swift	183	...	...	16
All species . . . . .	...	464	600	...
Muskrat	375	216	315	1,053
Raccoon	34	47	40	44
Ringtail cat	177	215	196	24
Skunk:				
Common large	129	107	137	54
Spotted	9	79	12	...
Wolf	13	2	11	180
Miscellaneous	33	...	27	98
Total	3,224	1,579	2,022	1,865

^{1/} Calendar year.

The trapper's license was abolished in Arizona for several years. At present, however, separate hunting and trapping licenses are issued, and reports of the annual catch are required. The above figures represent the catch reported, but according to the State they should be multiplied by ten to give the approximate total catch. The above total does not include animals caught by the Fish & Wildlife Service.

ARKANSAS

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Bobcat	309	263	452	43	573	299
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	...	...	1,091	2,089	15,270	15,585
Red . . . . .	...	...	45	96	274	1,112
Mink	14,582	13,126	16,170	22,509	24,429	18,417
Muskrat	2,765	5,487	2,485	2,568	3,072	3,998
Opossum	371,310	335,418	341,830	313,224	430,980	341,571
Raccoon	28,711	23,657	47,439	55,236	66,429	51,398
Skunk:						
Common large	61,452	49,140	52,912	51,371	54,706	38,596
Spotted . . . . .	...	2,166	1,582	1,605	1,444	1,830
Weasel	627	418	226	302	432	515
Wolf	15	1	12	17	34	11
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	...	39	715	65	8
Total	479,771	429,676	464,283	449,775	597,708	473,340

The State law requires fur buyers to report at the end of each season the number and kind of furs purchased and the prices paid for them.

CALIFORNIA

Species	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43
Badger	259	125	130	164	156	224	106
Cat:							
House . . . . .	...	128	489	518	451	244	148
Ringtail	772	999	783	983	1,491	1,458	683
Coyote	3,246	3,341	2,605	3,710	3,285	4,359	2,766
Fisher	1	6	2	2	5	5	4
Fox:							
Grey	3,705 ^{1/}	3,731 ^{1/}	3,046 ^{1/}	3,601 ^{1/}	5,047 ^{1/}	5,531 ^{1/}	2,499 ^{1/}
Red or Cross . . . . .	...	...	...	...	12	17	4
Swift . . . . .	...	...	...	...	217	503	20
Marten	129	200	295	510	402	543	136
Mink	2,483	1,340	1,865	1,908	1,710	1,617	778
Muskrat	16,959	19,857	36,216	69,596	68,318	69,247	65,524
Opossum	851	662	485	829	1,485	1,504	598
Otter (River)	24	40	45	52	26	41	33
Raccoon	5,873	5,049	4,067	4,922	7,265	8,880	4,473
Skunk:							
Spotted	840	622	787	933	1,368	1,195	459
Striped	13,103	6,578	7,381	11,487	14,535	14,096	6,365
Weasel . . . . .	...	125	99	185	171	245	74
Wildcat	2,650	2,292	2,254	2,474	2,776	3,239	1,923
Total	50,895	45,095	60,549	101,874	108,720	112,948	86,593

^{1/} Includes Red and Cross Foxes.

COLORADO

Species	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43
Badger	1,017	1,581	568
Bobcat	1,275	1,787	983
Civet cat	790	909	340
Coyote	10,375	15,269	9,229
Foxes	413	1,486	267
Marten . . . . .	...	379	...
Mink	1,164	1,003	1,217
Muskrat	90,529	158,856	128,420
Raccoon . . . . .	...	180	...
Ringtail cat . . . . .	...	223	7
Skunk	14,262	16,845	7,523
Weasel	1,804	2,200	2,028
Total	121,629	200,718	150,582

CONNECTICUT

Species	1934 ^{1/}	1935 ^{1/}	1936 ^{1/}	1937 ^{1/}	1938 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}
Bobcat	48	40	47	63	12	18
Canada lynx . . . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...
Fisher	18	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, all species	3,895	3,703	4,216	3,783	3,390	4,053
Mink	896	1,118	1,043	634	341	704
Muskrat	24,054	25,940	17,539	11,507	13,820	24,452
Otter	36	38	21	...	10	35
Raccoon	3,745	4,179	4,055	2,753	2,134	2,693
Skunk, common large	5,886	5,610	6,776	5,082	3,369	5,034
Squirrel	42,704	45,618	30,497	...	35,026	36,824
Weasel	747	933	989	497	463	632
Total	82,029	87,179	65,184	24,319	58,565	74,445

^{1/} Calendar year.

DELAWARE

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Muskrat	135,000	160,000	210,000	180,000	59,643	63,552	68,181
Opossum	5,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	1,071	1,177	...
Otter	40	50	35	25	...	...	...
Raccoon	2,500	2,000	2,500	3,000	810	1,538	1,936
Total	142,540	165,050	215,535	187,025	61,524	66,267	70,117

The above figures are estimated from license returns, which have been in effect only since 1936.

FLORIDA

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Opossum	6,843	6,578	3,036	2,807	2,753	3,048	40,984
Otter . . . . .	...	...	502	544	506	816	609
Raccoon	39,320	31,230	69,524	40,798	34,919	46,304	487
Skunk . . . . .	...	...	2,039	1,306	1,240	1,307	1,807
Total	46,163	37,808	75,101	45,455	39,418	51,475	43,887

GEORGIA

Species	1937	1938
Bear	1	1
Bobcat	16	36
Fox:		
Red	137	103
Gray	569	427
Mink	2,381	1,786
Muskrat	1,130	848
Opossum	4,792	3,594
Otter	202	152
Raccoon	15,648	11,736
Ringtail cat	5	2
Skunk:		
Common large	984	752
Spotted	23	17
Weasel	56	42
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	4
Total	25,944	19,500

Georgia does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. The above information, however, was furnished by the State Department of Natural Resources.

IDAHO

Species	1934	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Badger	154	1,526	...	...	...	...
Bear	1	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver	222	702	4,079	4,838	2,589	6,645
Bobcat	11	293	...	...	...	...
Canada lynx	44	401	...	...	...	...
Coyote	571	14,217	...	...	...	...
Fox:						
Gray	12	43	...	1	6	16
Red	10	250	...			
Red or Cross . . . . .	...	...	271			
Cross	9	6	...			
Marten	480	1,492	2,118	...	40	...
Mink	957	2,566	2,832	5	54	101
Mountain lion	6	...	...	...	...	...
Muskrat	34,397	205,698	134,591	89	225	155
Otter	11	38	42	1	1	6
Raccoon	55	266	397	...	8	8
Skunk, common large	557	3,356	...	...	...	...
Squirrel	4	...	...	...	...	...
Weasel	932	4,172	...	...	...	...
Wolf	4	...	...	...	...	...
Total	38,437	235,026	144,330	4,934	2,923	6,931

ILLINOIS

Species	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942
Fox, red and gray	2,661	1,944	3,926	10,292	10,760	7,145	6,232	13,636
Mink	11,412	12,312	21,593	33,239	48,581	42,254	18,880	19,362
Muskrat	173,004	213,840	323,895	413,823	729,077	664,831	307,179	249,100
Opossum	29,277	22,680	25,519	97,755	132,585	171,590	61,897	94,774
Raccoon	3,992	4,212	6,281	26,734	30,732	34,577	20,245	27,130
Skunk, common large	17,965	11,016	30,426	47,338	45,263	36,681	21,103	22,580
Total	238,311	266,004	411,640	629,181	996,998	957,078	435,536	426,582

INDIANA

Species	1934	1935	1937	1938	1941	1942
Badger . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	61
Fox, red and gray	5,432	5,964	9,131	7,624	6,788	24,620
Mink	25,796	16,062	18,114	19,234	10,825	15,169
Muskrat	769,497	302,611	351,927	433,116	195,406	297,789
Opossum	378,968	187,537	146,210	170,039	77,907	238,517
Raccoon	27,340	19,349	24,472	32,206	22,938	78,026
Skunk, common large	78,589	55,144	70,464	49,582	20,777	33,511
Weasel	7,994	2,202	3,794	...	2,232	5,407
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...
Total	1,293,616	588,869	624,112	711,801	336,956	693,100

The 1943 season does not open until November 15.

The State law requires only licensed fur buyers to report annually on the furs purchased.

IOWA

Species	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43
Badger	768	569	412	486	470	586	257
Civet . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	38,508
Fox:							
Red	9,133	7,111	7,403	5,706	6,505	6,137	6,560
Gray	170	1,846	1,900	1,413	1,730	1,967	1,823
Mink	32,337	21,438	27,783	2,877	38,817	33,650	23,297
Muskrat	212,352	176,759	308,015	46,003	350,700	262,007	262,562
Opossum	20,985	11,755	23,303	39,050	30,131	33,839	29,691
Raccoon	15,037	13,287	15,014	16,465	19,756	22,512	20,128
Skunk:							
Common large	153,497	102,212	124,322	91,838	74,251	68,840	(32,437
Spotted	38,724	26,928	43,971	56,708	63,256	60,944	(
Weasel	7,190	4,159	4,529	6,692	6,290	4,440	2,982
Wolf	22	146	162	183	259	202	209
Total	490,215	366,210	556,814	267,421	592,165	495,124	418,454

The State law requires fur trappers to report the total number of furs purchased. Individual trappers need not report their annual catch except where furs are sold outside the State.

KANSAS

Species	1934	1938	1940	1941	1942	1943
Badger	4,756	205	2,911	1,050	538	1,152
Beaver . . . . .	...	30	...	368	292	350
Bobcat . . . . .	...	...	150	...	...	...
Coyote . . . . .	...	10,957	14,022	18,392	16,758	22,953
Fox:						
Red . . . . .	...	501	...	...	...	...
All species . . . . .	...	...	1,965	1,387	1,574	1,792
Mink	1,368	1,398	2,271	1,529	1,239	1,618
Muskrat	198,652	77,923	119,918	121,671	116,758	121,256
Opossum	265,000	78,440	155,945	148,322	133,652	147,852
Raccoon	17,350	9,375	8,374	9,744	11,215	16,774
Ringtail cat . . . . .	...	86	...	...	...	...
Skunk:						
Common large	173,852	110,245	151,800	153,216	149,888	151,758
Spotted	79,893	21,604	47,219	48,874	45,322	48,337
Weasel . . . . .	...	170	170	...	...	...
Wolf . . . . .	...	2,492	1,047	983	1,153	1,558
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	160	348,065	...	...	...
Total	740,871	313,586	853,857	505,536	478,389	515,400

Kansas does not require trappers to make an annual report of furs taken. The figures were obtained from reports made by fur dealers.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually, as the State law does not require trappers to make an annual report.

LOUISIANA

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942-43
Badger . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...
Civet cat . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	216
Fox . . . . .	...	...	...	1,235	3,311	3,710
Mink	81,530	82,480	89,000	85,391	112,425	128,226
Muskrat	2,200,520	3,110,540	3,346,280	6,432,025	5,405,425	4,076,785
Opossum	128,000	131,000	126,320	45,561	122,203	78,664
Otter	780	920	760	1,273	1,713	1,411
Raccoon	86,500	87,300	86,000	71,419	163,895	164,109
Skunk:						
Common large	46,890	48,500	48,900	4,655	13,797	17,340)
Spotted . . . . .	...	...	...	...	49)
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...
Miscellaneous	2,600	2,700	2,780	144	824	37
Total	2,546,820	3,463,440	3,700,040	6,641,703	5,823,644	4,470,498

The State law requires trappers to submit three monthly reports during the trapping season on the number of fur animals taken and to pay a severance tax on each pelt, and fur dealers to report the number of furs purchased.

MAINE

Species	1935	1936	1937	1939	1940	1941	1942
Bear	234	281	...	...	...	180	58
Beaver	838	1,018	2,429	3,647	6,927	3,049	2,583
Bobcat	911	687	722	607	414	177	133
Canada lynx . . . . .	...	...	6	...	...	...	...
Fisher	36	51	1/10	...	...	...	...
Fox, red	6,282	6,005	6,127	5,614	4,869	7,841	4,503
Marten	30	38	1/1	(1/)	...	...	...
Mink	3,280	3,646	3,283	3,171	3,990	3,952	1,726
Muskrat	38,080	40,245	40,083	39,133	42,634	27,389	17,552
Otter	170	164	166	153	149	169	129
Raccoon	2,336	2,830	3,189	1,288	1,186	1,971	715
Skunk, common large.	4,509	5,170	6,005	4,499	3,775	4,629	2,571
Weasel	3,550	5,498	3,318	2,564	2,408	1,919	691
Total	60,256	65,633	65,339	60,676	66,352	51,276	30,661

1/ No open season.

The State law requires trappers to report the annual catch and fur buyers the number of furs purchased.

MARYLAND

Maryland does not require either trappers or fur dealers to make annual reports on the number of furs taken or sold. An estimate made by the State Game Warden for the fiscal year 1938 indicates that about 2,000,000 muskrats were taken; in 1940 the reported take was 1,500,000; the same number was estimated for the 1941 catch; and 800,000 were taken in 1943.

MASSACHUSETTS

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Bobcat	212	186	75	99	307	266	86
Canada lynx	4	17	20	36	33	28	2
Fox:							
Red	6,481	6,851	6,519	4,122	5,599	5,061	5,078
Gray	791	874	861	645	917	853	951
Mink	1,682	2,090	2,425	1,297	1,089	1,404	1,414
Muskrat	39,309	38,636	41,482	38,746	52,139	41,874	42,392
Otter	72	103	112	70	118	128	103
Raccoon	3,096	4,147	3,667	2,103	2,706	2,064	2,184
Skunk, common large.	6,468	7,025	12,617	8,367	11,252	7,901	9,395
Weasel	683	834	985	638	866	626	476
Total	58,798	60,763	68,763	56,123	75,026	60,205	62,081

MICHIGAN

Species	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42
Badger	412	2,100	894	653	927	859	681
Bobcat	910	469	529	532	598	528	529
Mink	12,251	19,068	17,345	22,810	25,619	22,477	37,220
Muskrats	579,998	787,098	526,157	1,017,801	1,065,281	584,644	719,585
Opossum . . . . .	...	17,077	18,227	24,224	29,367	10,637	13,940
Raccoon	22,100	21,051	29,300	41,940	45,923	33,077	45,516
Red Fox	815	1,544	1,967	3,159	3,602	2,984	5,212
Skunks	74,272	126,365	52,909	44,831	42,669	28,418	39,459
Weasels	17,648	48,189	29,306	42,315	35,473	22,164	29,717
Coyotes	2,920	2,499	2,580	2,016	1,805	1,427	1,376
Wolves	17	36	44	35	30	90	54
Beaver	4,047	5,613	7,668	6,422	7,180	6,824	2,251
Otter . . . . .	...	...	...	...	270	164	...
Total	715,390	1,031,114	686,926	1,206,738	1,258,744	714,293	895,540

The State law requires reports from trappers on their annual catch and from fur dealers on furs purchased.

MINNESOTA

Species	1935	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Badger	1,038	1,471	989	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Beaver ^{2/} . . . . .	...	...	...	11,048	(1/)	7,668	4,259
Bobcat	271	487	1,017	782	1,267	604	231
Canada lynx	84	114	156	263	3,815	138	55
Coyote	1,079	2,491	2,096	1,073	4,049	940	660
Fox:							
Red	1,959	3,108	5,388	6,697	...	...	...
Gray	557	837	1,908	2,786	4,530	2,746	1,619
Cross	207	...	...	121	...	...	...
Silver	26	123	...	21	...	...	...
Red, cross, silver	...	...	...	...	21,483	9,014	5,903
Mink	30,303	37,977	33,089	30,512	50,287	53,657	34,615
Muskrats . . . . .	...	102,017	...	2,558	850,815	867,608	1,449,760
Raccoon	5,012	5,573	4,840	5,410	10,052	8,088	5,237
Skunk:							
Common large . .	52,257	54,911	61,157	79,932	130,454	136,768	60,968
Spotted	248	3,036	2,668	3,644	3,504	8,226	6,566
Squirrel	3,217	...	...	5,808	1,493	9,369	9,880
Weasel	53,030	88,997	76,315	68,566	110,435	100,475	87,878
Wolf	210	192	382	225	715	164	163
Total	149,498	301,334	190,005	219,446	1,192,899	1,205,465	1,667,794

1/ No open season.

2/ Beaver - 1943, 10,385.

MISSISSIPPI

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Bobcat . . . . .	...	229	75	81	92
Mink	14,792	19,601	9,935	8,046	8,652
Muskrat	18,101	34,151	7,375	9,123	6,680
Opossum	54,000	69,670	39,795	32,546	22,008
Raccoon	15,602	23,000	16,045	12,717	11,284
Skunk:					
Common large	7,632	10,351	8,700	6,567	3,196
Spotted	338	707	240	99	124
Weasel	357	503	195	321	192
Total	110,822	158,212	82,360	69,500	52,228

The State law does not require trappers to submit an annual report of their catch. Mississippi does, however, distribute cards to the trappers through the wardens when the licenses are issued. No data has been made available by the State since 1939.

MISSOURI

Species	1934	1935	1940	1941	1942
Fox:					
Red	12	5,458	5,997	9,745	10,479
Gray . . . . .	...	2,933	4,683	4,880	4,691
Mink	23	11,598	18,460	13,262	7,888
Muskrat	322	67,058	96,000	120,000	85,468
Opossum	427	221,700	452,454	463,119	331,386
Raccoon	41	15,644	28,639	11,000	13,517
Skunk:					
Common large	165	121,648	165,176	156,102	97,759
Spotted	16	20,753	45,169	55,440	30,446
Weasel . . . . .	...	4,585	1,587	1,023	1,308
Total	1,006	471,377	818,165	834,571	582,942

Until 3 years ago Missouri did not require either trappers or fur traders to submit annual reports on furs; but the State law now requires reports of fur traders, and the above data were obtained from such reports.

MONTANA

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 ^{1/}
Beaver	5,143	7,811	8,427	6,748	12,752	17,717	11,161	7,175
Bobcat . . . . .	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...
Coyote . . . . .	...	...	7,090	8,571	7,814	...	...	...
Fox:								
Red	1,436	...	...	2,575	3,858	2,950	1,830	...
Kit or swift . . . . .	...	4,155	3,547	...	...	...	...	...
Marten	641	...	...	...	...	2,379	...	...
Mink	2,310	4,862	5,149	2,936	8,814	8,544	4,413	...
Mountain lion . . . . .	...	34	42	...	...	...	...	...
Muskrat	20,290	48,224	51,902	35,308	195,290	117,839	70,039	...
Otter	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raccoon	512	...	...	...	...	...	329	...
Total	30,345	65,086	76,192	56,138	228,528	149,429	87,772	7,175

^{1/} Figures not yet available for other fur bearers.

The State law does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except those of beavers. These figures were obtained from shipping permits, which are required when furs are shipped out of the State.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except those of beavers, 2,000 of which it was estimated were trapped during each of the fiscal years 1937 and 1938, and 4,000 during 1940. In the winter of the 1941-42 season, 2,700 beavers were trapped on special nuisance permits. The 1941-42 season was not open on muskrats; approximately 113,500 were trapped in the winter of 1942-43.

NEVADA

1942 was the first year that trappers and fur dealers were required to obtain licenses and make reports, and no statistics are as yet available.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}
Bear	46	27	8	...	2	4	78	49
Beaver	4	...	2	4	294	1,023	...	887
Bobcat	117	138	72	37	67	63	207	142
Canada lynx	16	17	8	1	...	2	...	...
Fisher	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Fox:								
Red	5,532	3,021	2,352	...	...	...	...	...
All species . . .	...	...	...	3,667	3,938	4,093	3,408	...
Marten	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mink	2,265	1,185	966	1,390	1,689	2,136	1,335	...
Muskrat	18,978	7,911	9,021	16,551	11,785	12,750	9,104	...
Otter	54	37	21	39	66	65	40	...
Raccoon	3,532	2,330	1,110	1,567	1,173	2,069	1,129	...
Skunk, common large	3,098	1,591	1,282	1,335	929	1,741	1,423	...
Weasel	366	302	157	258	137	225	162	...
Total	34,011	16,559	14,999	24,849	20,080	24,172	16,886	1,078

^{1/} The data on the bear kill is not complete for hunters are not required to report the number taken. There is, however, a bounty of \$5.00, and it is assumed that about 40% of the bear killed are reported.

NEW JERSEY

Species	1935 ^{1/}	1936 ^{1/}	1937 ^{1/}	1938 ^{1/}	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}
Fox:							
Red and gray . .	1,164	1,512	1,465	1,539	1,385	1,857	1,150
Mink	1,025	912	793	983	1,052	825	527
Muskrat	111,722	143,691	119,831	149,672	157,535	194,628	155,590
Otter	12	50	1	19	7	20	2
Skunk, common large	9,675	11,827	10,986	9,316	12,444	12,883	7,454
Squirrel	119,952	73,274	84,205	109,399	139,093	181,476	140,134
Weasel	5,072	7,644	4,647	4,430	5,899	4,398	3,023
Total	248,622	238,910	221,928	275,365	327,415	396,087	307,880

^{1/} Calendar year.

NEW MEXICO

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943
Badger	817	829	1,000	946
Beaver	1,100	1,160	803	847
Bobcat	3,403	5,151	7,292	3,989
Coyote	9,982	21,978	30,178	28,036
Fox:				
Gray	1,313	3,274	3,300	3,598
Swift	261	289	400	455
Mink	32	79	30	28
Mt. lion . . . . .	...	87	90	80
Muskrat	11,841	25,077	20,000	18,702
Opossum	1	...	10	22
Raccoon	122	302	400	460
Ringtail cat	383	1,006	1,000	752
Skunk:				
Common large	6,244	11,357	10,000	7,820
Spotted	111	254	200	193
Weasel . . . . .	...	18	15	13
Miscellaneous	20	1	100	110
Total	35,630	70,862	74,818	66,051

Until the season of 1940 New Mexico had no law requiring trappers to report on furs taken, with the exception of those of beavers. The number of beavers trapped in the fiscal year 1934 was 163, and in the fiscal year 1938, 867. Beaver are protected and trapped only on permit issued by the State Game Department.

NEW YORK

Species	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
Bear	39	120	52	92	63	77	81
Beaver . . . . .	...	...	...	2,014	2,639	(1/)	(1/)
Bobcat	92	106	77	64	36	163	220
Fisher	31	308	275	...	223	(1/)	(1/)
Fox:							
Red	9,278	9,009	11,229	15,500	19,452	25,852	27,865
Gray	3,527	4,933	4,757	4,980	5,250	6,975	8,996
Marten	86	329	409	...	302	(1/)	(1/)
Mink	4,890	6,509	5,488	5,722	6,022	9,712	10,492
Muskrat	180,305	149,852	148,852	157,494	176,712	264,276	335,657
Opossum	2,065	2,516	2,291	3,041	3,792	6,116	4,750
Otter	242	215	500	...	416	(1/)	(1/)
Raccoon	13,939	20,364	23,427	24,190	25,345	27,459	27,751
Skunk:							
Common large	51,062	32,988	33,347	36,701	33,952	71,170	46,681
Squirrel	258,173	222,932	506,742	188,995	486,142	261,715 ^{2/}	315,847 ^{2/}
Total	525,730	659,241	737,446	438,701	646,399	643,515	778,340

1/ Close season.

2/ This figure includes fox, gray, and black squirrels.

New York advises that figures on the annual fur catch for the above years should perhaps be increased 50 percent because of the large number of licensees who did not report.

NORTH CAROLINA

Species	1940	1941	1942
Bear	100	...	...
Bobcat	100	250	153
Fox:			
Gray	6,500	19,000	12,591
Red . . . . .	...	500	336
Mink . . . . .	...	32,000	10,323
Muskrat	72,000	147,000	92,772
Opossum	56,000	99,000	76,173
Raccoon	58,000	110,000	73,506
Skunk, common large	3,500	<u>1/</u> 12,000	8,388
Weasel	2,000	8,000	3,117
Total	198,200	427,750	277,359

1/ This figure also includes spotted skunks.

North Carolina does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from fur dealers and should be considered only as estimates of the total fur catch.

NORTH DAKOTA

Species	1940	1941	1942
Badger	2,500	(1/)	2,294
Beaver	950	1,800	1,391
Bobcat (lynx) . . . . .	...	...	268
Coyote . . . . .	...	...	3,065
Fox, all species	15,000	20,000	7,927
Jackrabbit . . . . .	...	...	1,172,256
Mink	7,000	10,000	3,087
Muskrat . . . . .	...	...	37,781
Raccoon . . . . .	...	...	1,331
Skunk	175,000	225,000	116,771
Weasel	25,000	175,000	57,062
Total	225,450	431,800	1,403,233

1/ No open season.

The above figures are estimates of the number of fur animals taken. North Dakota does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs and, therefore, is unable to furnish accurate reports.

OHIO

Species	5-year-average, 1931-35	1937	1939	1940	1941	1942
Fox:						
Red	20,500	14,300	5,459	5,204	6,887	7,540
Gray	3,500	3,500	3,719	2,725	12,311	1,610
Mink	34,000	46,000	12,095	9,758	15,434	4,833
Muskrat	760,000	1,200,000	707,055	536,376	832,806	277,389
Opossum	390,000	470,000	123,659	214,200	162,497	60,986
Raccoon	52,000	64,000	18,724	21,424	49,460	22,712
Skunk, common large . .	560,000	670,000	81,049	157,579	82,734	12,636
Weasel	51,000	63,000	15,795	11,351	10,774	3,812
Total	1,874,000	2,530,800	967,555	958,617	1,172,903	391,518

Ohio does not require trappers to report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from reports of licensed fur dealers to which 20% was added in order to cover furs shipped by trappers out of the State and which are not handled by licensed Ohio dealers.

OKLAHOMA

Species	1934	1939	1940	1941
Badger	315	174	212	430
Bobcat . . . . .	...	71	128	134
Coyote	945	973	1,323	2,292
Fox, Gray . . . . .	...	...	...	1,438
Mink	13,860	2,906	2,196	2,272
Muskrat	38,430	8,206	6,450	6,725
Opossum	813,330	361,139	276,681	220,625
Raccoon	10,080	2,012	2,318	3,099
Skunk:				
Common large	173,565	94,947	95,862	80,564
Spotted	49,140	19,565	15,641	9,603
Weasel	930	39	36	66
Wolf . . . . .	...	229	431	513
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	595	47	131
Total	1,100,595	490,856	401,325	327,892

The State law requires trappers and fur dealers to make annual reports on furs.

OREGON

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1942 ^{2/}
Badger	556	447	160	201	...
Bear	35	64	25	41	...
Beaver	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Bobcat . . . . .	...	1,382	982	955	...
Coyote	2,897	2,645	1,797	1,845	...
Fisher	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Fox . . . . .	...	97	106	153	...
Marten	273	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Mink	8,937	6,623	5,301	5,545	1,908
Mountain lion	37	58	...	50	...
Muskrat	49,876	49,125	37,492	57,589	36,299
Otter	213	145	129	121	55
Raccoon	3,645	1,813	1,344	1,342	1,021
Ringtail cat	185	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Skunk:					
Common large	5,314	3,615	3,612	4,314	...
Spotted . . . . .	...	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Weasel	991	786	532	815	...
Wolf	35	6	7	...	...
Total	72,994	66,806	51,487	72,971	39,283

^{1/} No open season.

PENNSYLVANIA

^{2/} Based upon 50 percent returns.

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942	1943
Beaver	2,261	1,222	541	371	1,195	1,143	2,414
Bobcat	97	131	11	11	9	18	3
Fox:							
Red	3,072	5,115	4,633	5,968	7,548	6,871	6,604
Gray	8,408	9,790	8,919	7,861	7,846	6,647	8,032
Mink	5,784	10,073	7,069	7,858	6,736	7,449	6,326
Muskrat	380,324	579,767	319,396	301,275	373,249	511,775	486,368
Opossum	85,716	71,427	87,656	103,516	70,831	67,257	65,445
Otter	15	...	...	13	15	14	...
Raccoon	19,108	25,484	36,046	28,975	34,639	35,959	30,140
Skunk, common large	216,917	341,382	260,585	229,168	255,439	228,037	148,075
Weasel	77,697	80,843	29,200	38,313	22,363	18,120	26,274
Total	799,399	1,125,234	754,056	723,329	779,870	883,290	779,681

Pennsylvania requires both trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take and handling of furs.

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs and, therefore, is not able to furnish figures.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942	1943
Fox:							
Red	53	35	49	50	42	65	48
Gray	2,511	2,640	2,514	2,214	2,103	2,809	3,021
Mink	7,708	10,766	11,408	7,183	6,308	7,442	7,896
Muskrat	7,821	7,524	7,738	7,732	6,851	8,630	9,862
Opossum	16,040	16,048	15,511	16,085	14,212	16,443	19,766
Otter	105	64	77	73	68	97	108
Raccoon	20,615	29,660	28,305	18,307	15,524	20,425	21,988
Skunk:							
Common large . .	...	...	...	...	...	228	287
Spotted	203	189	207	205	217	...	...
Total	55,056	66,906	65,809	51,849	45,325	56,139	62,976

The State law does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from permits for shipment of furs out of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. It is estimated, however, that 1,000 beavers were trapped in each of the fiscal years 1937, 1938, and 1939, and 2,500 in 1940.

TENNESSEE

Species	1938	Species	1938
Fox:			
Red	97	Otter	26
Gray	4,755	Raccoon	6,193
Mink	2,834	Skunk, common large	31,966
Muskrat	29,928	Weasel	1,609
Opossum	133,993	Total	211,401

Tennessee does not require trappers to make an annual report of furs taken. Figures were obtained in 1938 when a fur tax law was in effect, but that law was repealed in 1939, and there is no legal method by which reports may be obtained. A license to trap is now required, and reports on the take and the approximate values will be requested from those purchasing licenses.

TEXAS

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
Badger	2,732	4,189	2,493	1,115	1,059
Beaver . . . . .	...	...	43	61	72
Fox:					
Red . . . . .	...	...	6	...	(
Gray	15,782	29,397	28,925	24,949	(40,278
Kit or swift . . . . .	...	...	527	...	(
Mink	17,893	18,416	18,730	8,289	5,269
Mountain Lion . . . . .	...	...	...	1	15
Muskrat	19,051	6,355	2,569	229,734	184,798
Opossum	639,117	711,069	397,336	308,060	128,341
Raccoon	47,073	36,409	23,380	29,339	39,286
Ringtail cat	25,995	59,482	14,476	29,646	73,163
Skunk:					
Common large	96,696	160,086	75,988	81,542	(93,204
Spotted	18,007	25,128	18,644	10,234	(
Texas lynx . . . . .	...	...	1,082	570	...
Weasel . . . . .	...	...	75	5	10
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	6,170	5,698	6,123
Miscellaneous	218	596	...	1	1,249
Total	882,564	1,051,127	590,444	729,244	572,867

Texas does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from fur dealers, who are required to make reports on the fur handled by them.

UTAH

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Beaver	374	209	256	593	600	800	800	1,200

Utah does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken, except those of beavers, for which there is no open season. Beavers are taken only when they are doing damage.

VERMONT

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Bear	11	10	15	...	...
Bobcat	15	7	21	...	...
Fox, red	8,432	10,621	8,810	4,678	7,528
Mink	3,406	3,304	2,822	2,571	2,562
Muskrat	61,680	88,367	62,611	39,022	32,144
Raccoon	10,590	12,293	6,081	3,971	5,906
Skunk, common large	24,485	20,700	19,146	9,506	13,210
Weasel	2,244	1,644	938	868	822
Total	110,863	136,946	100,444	60,616	62,172

Vermont does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. Fur dealers, however, must report on the furs purchased.

VIRGINIA

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Bear	1	3	...	6	1	2
Bobcat	24	241	255	209	123	134
Fox:						
Red	651	917	1,062	1,006	1,079	1,083
Gray	9,140	10,147	10,248	9,816	8,795	8,126
Silver and cross . . . . .	...	8	15	28	12	94
Mink	6,043	7,056	6,367	5,143	3,721	2,673
Muskrat	132,950	165,005	150,976	124,347	100,416	124,586
Opossum	119,767	125,716	105,148	68,808	72,030	55,153
Otter	148	(1/)	(1/)	58	...	210
Raccoon	13,797	13,479	11,814	12,000	10,517	10,215
Skunk, common large	89,514	84,687	84,544	59,421	65,279	55,936
Squirrel	188	311	28	405	1,488	179
Weasel	3,929	5,107	5,039	2,870	2,114	1,691
Miscellaneous	131	...	...	248	117	370
Total	376,283	412,677	375,496	284,365	265,692	260,452

1/ No open season.

Virginia does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken, but fur buyers must report on furs purchased.

WASHINGTON

Species	1937	1939	1941	1942	1943
Badger	369	63	10	28	32
Bobcat	2,316	1,840	608	949	...
Coyote	6,062	7,750	5,826	5,194	...
Fox, red	50	69	50	85	83
Marten	8	(1/)	...	(1/)	(1/)
Mink	6,257	6,764	5,361	5,618	3,728
Mountain lion	151	162	92	65	...
Muskrat	35,159	63,010	77,669	80,804	57,486
Otter	155	247	281	279	125
Raccoon	1,585	1,943	2,309	2,599	1,766
Skunk:					
Common large	2,372	2,981	1,898	2,353	547
Spotted	410	690	432	441	370
Weasel	1,230	983	388	445	160
Wolverine	1	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	514	...	...	...	...
Total	56,639	86,502	94,924	98,860	64,297

1/ No open season.

WEST VIRGINIA

Species	1937 ^{1/}	1938 ^{1/}	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{2/}	1941 ^{2/}	1942	1943
Bear	24	126	38	...	...	...	...
Bobcat	575	478	431	...	296	93	71
Fox:							
Red	2,167	2,424	3,407	3,045	3,302	3,194	3,780
Gray	9,797	9,041	13,376	7,539	13,477	8,499	8,363
Mink	7,171	3,033	4,479	5,652	4,068	3,943	1,703
Muskrat	81,980	47,541	50,952	64,693	69,210	64,178	57,503
Opossum	127,982	91,532	124,399	159,844	147,088	114,753	131,125
Raccoon	9,375	6,571	9,946	10,273	14,737	9,774	7,535
Skunk, common large	195,740	141,658	139,203	168,841	150,137	105,641	158,336
Weasel	9,119	4,299	7,973	11,447	9,513	5,609	2,664
Miscellaneous . .	65	1,176	170	269	200	600	156
Total	443,995	307,879	354,374	431,603	412,028	316,284	371,236

^{1/} Estimates, based on information furnished by fur dealers.

^{2/} Based on reports required by law to be filed by licensed fur dealers with the State Conservation Commission.

WISCONSIN

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Badger	487	513	4,597	1,142	2,062	1,625	679
Beaver	6,867	4,355	5,135	(1/)	5,992	3,910	4,564
Bear	273	157	186	438	314	(1/)	647
Bobcat & Lynx.	461	593	402	293	180	283	191
Coyote & Wolf.	1,775	1,824	1,587	1,131	913	924	885
Fox, red & gray	20,349	23,607	14,389	10,903	9,007	10,756	10,622
Mink	37,581	30,275	16,553	34,412	20,818	34,606	26,155
Muskrat	509,382	426,803	117,391	983,303	495,258	819,639	658,255
Opossum	1,998	1,581	3,023	5,951	4,927	8,168	7,372
Otter	314	156	142	444	188	203	117
Raccoon	9,472	10,369	10,553	13,688	13,685	15,935	17,965
Skunk	51,821	57,565	70,768	61,493	50,669	69,392	36,506
Squirrel	801,383	515,238	1,176,161	1,106,910	1,039,306	706,374	788,264
Weasel	64,293	33,047	22,356	23,138	20,987	24,443	6,985
Total	1,506,456	1,106,083	1,443,243	2,243,246	1,664,306	1,696,258	1,559,207

^{1/} No open season.

WYOMING

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Beaver	1,016	2,835	3,022	6,175	15,115	10,946	7,738

Wyoming does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken, with the exception of those of beavers.

